THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, 13th August 1954.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at half-past two of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

(Starred question postponed from the list for 12th August 1954.)

List of orphanages started under the management of religious institutions.

* 86 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport, be pleased to lay on the table of the House—

(i) a list of orphanages started under the management of religious institutions during the current year; and

(ii) the amounts contributed by the religious institutions towards their maintenance as well as capital expenditure; and to state—

(*a*) whether the amounts contributed towards orphanages are surplus funds or appropriation of endowments or funds of defunct religious institutions, and whether proceedings are taken as contemplated in the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act in all such cases; and

(*b*) whether the Deputy Commissioner, Tanjore, has issued any circular to all religious institutions to contribute towards orphanages cutting the expenditure of festivals, etc., and if so, what steps the Government have taken on such circular and whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the circular?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (i) & (ii) A list[a] containing the names of orphanages started from the funds of religious institutions during the year 1953, and particulars about the amount contributed by the religious institutions towards the maintenance and capital expenditure is placed on the table of the House.

(*a*) The amounts contributed are surplus in the incomes and not appropriation of endowments or funds of defunct religious institutions. In all such cases the procedure prescribed in the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951, for utilization of surplus funds has been followed except in the case of Madras Orphanage which was sanctioned by an administrative order towards expenditure for construction of building to house the orphanage.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 407–412 infra.

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(b) The Deputy Commissioner, Tanjore (now at Tiruchirappalli) did not issue any such instructions and the latter part of the question therefore does not arise."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" May I know the amount provided for every orphanage? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" It depends upon the nature of the institution."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether the usual Government subsidy is paid for the maintenance of these temple orphanages? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Am I to understand that the different orphanages in this State get different amounts or is there a fixed amount for every orphanage? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There is no discrimination but it all depends upon the number of students who are there."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" May I know how much is paid per head? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That I cannot say now."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" What is the earliest age when these orphans are admitted particularly in the temple orphanages and the age at which they will have to leave the orphanage? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Is there any definite scheme drawn up for running these temple orphanages? Has the Education Department been consulted as to the syllabus, etc., to be followed in these orphanages? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The scheme is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the amounts given to these orphanages on the basis of the number of orphans had been sanctioned some five or ten years ago? Now that the cost of living has increased very considerably, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to increase the grant to these orphanages? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" If the hon. Member mentions to me any particular case, I will look into the matter and see what can be done."